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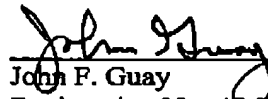
### REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough examination and notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-4, 13-16, 26 and 27.

Prior to the above amendments, claims 1-27 were pending. By way of the present response, claims 5-12 and 17-25 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 13-16, 26 and 27 currently are pending. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a divisional application.

All objections raised in the action having been addressed above, the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. Prompt notification of the same is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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